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Youth Advisory Council

December 22nd, 2020 • 6:00 P.M. • Teams Meeting

Present: Abigail, Shae, Julia, Lucy, Sam, Cade

Non-Voting: James B.

Staff : Sean Poulin

Absent: Jack

Welcome- Sam Calls meeting at 6:03

Motion to Approve November Minutes- Shae Motions, Julia Seconds

City of Frederick Update – City Employees have been in Diversity and Inclusion Training this past year.

Park Cleanup's –

First Park Cleanup happened at Baker Park on 12/12. 5/6 slots were filled but 4 people showed. It went well and 6 bags of trash were collected including clothes from the creek. In the future we will want to weigh the trash and keep a total.

Julia recommended ways for larger groups to be able to sign-up. Sean agreed and explained if a group wants to do a one-off cleanup that can be organized.

Civics with the Mayor Update- Julia's video has been recorded and sent to the Video Department.

-Sustainability Video – Lucy will conduct the Sustainability episode. Sean will get her in touch with Sali for further details

Actions/Issues to take on going forward

Sam explained he has been hearing concerns over how little information regarding the COVID vaccine is getting to teens. Cade points out that he believes due to the lack of information directed at youth/teens they are disengaged and do not care as much. There is a need for unbiased info to be channeled to youth/teens.

COVID is not being discussed in virtual learning.

Shae expresses concerns on the ways the City's information gets into schools and how the schools give that to students. She explains that all these agencies have the same goals, but the systems is not working. It is discussed that there are FCPS approval processes for information and the YAC itself has experienced some roadblocks in getting info to FCPS. Sean will connect Shae and Sam to the City and FCPS communications in order to discuss how communication channels can be better.

Freshmen in schools feel disconnected as their first experience with High School or College is virtual and there is fear that there is a loss of "school culture". Sean encouraged members to think how the City/YAC can play a role in this.

Sub-Committee

1. Youth Participation
2. Job/Internship Committee
3. Diversity Outreach

6:51 pm – Shae Motions to end meeting, Cade Seconds

Next Meeting: January 26th 2021 6pm